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The first day of *May* 1660.

ORdered by this Court that the
Kings Majesties Letter and De-
claration directed to this Court, & now
read, be forthwith printed & published.

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rable City of *London*, 1660.

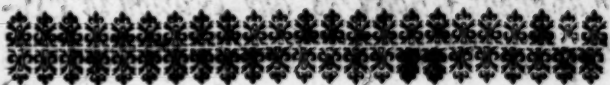
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CHARLES R.

TRusty and Wel-beloved We
greet you well. *In these great
Revolutions which of late have hap-
pened in that Our Kingdome to the wonder
and amazement of all the world, there is
none that VVe have looked upon with more
Comfort, then the so frequent and publick
manifestations of their affections to Us in the
City of London, which hath exceedingly
raised Our Spirits, and which, no doubt, hath
proceeded from the Spirit of God and his
extraordinary mercy to the Nation, which
hath been encouraged by you, and your good
example to assert that Government under
which it hath so many hundred years enjoy-*

ed as great felicity as any Nation in Eu-
 rope, and to discountenance the imagina-
 tions of those, who would subject Our Sub-
 jects to a Government they have not yet de-
 vised; and to satisfie the pride and ambition
 of a few ill men, would introduce the most ar-
 bitrary and Tyrannical Power that was
 ever yet heard of, how long we have all suf-
 fered under those and the like devices, all
 the world takes notice, to the no small re-
 proach of the English Nation, which we hope
 is now providing for its own security and re-
 demption, and will be no longer bewitched by
 those Inventions: how desirous we are to
 contribute to the obtaining the peace and
 happines of Our Subjects, without further
 effusion of blood; and how farre we are
 from desiring to recover what belongs to Us
 by a VVarre, if it can be otherwise done,
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will appear to you by the enclosed Declaration, which together with this Our Letter VVe have entrusted Our right trusty and welbeloved Cozen the Lord Viscount Mor-dant, and our trusty and welbeloved Ser-
 vant Sir John Greenville Knight, one
 of the Gentlemen of Our Bed-chamber to
 deliver to you, to the end that you and all
 the rest of Our good Subjects of that Our
 City of London (to whom VVe desire it
 should be published) may know how farre
 VVe are from the desire of Revenge, or that
 the peace, happines, and security of the
 Kingdome should be raised upon any other
 foundation then the affection and hearts of
 Our Subjects, and their own consents: VVe
 have not the least doubt of your just sense of
 those Our condescensions, or of your zeal to
 advance and promote the same good end, by
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disposing all men to meet Us with the same affection and tenderneſſ, in reſtoring the fundamental Laws to that Reverence that is due to them, and upon the preſervation whereof all our happineſſ depends: And you will have no reaſon to doubt of enjoying your full ſhare in that happineſſ, and of the improving it by Our particular affection to you. It is very natural for all men to doe all the good they can for their native Countrey, and to advance the honour of it. And as we have that full affection for the Kingdome in general, ſo we would not be thought to be without ſome extraordinary kindneſſ for Our native City in particular, which We ſhall manifeſt on all occaſions, not only by renewing their Charter, and confirming all thoſe priviledges which they have received from Our Predeceſſors, but by adding
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and granting any new favours which may advance the Trade, Wealth, and Honour of that Our native City, for which We will be so solicitous, that We doubt not but that it will in due time receive some Benefit and advantage in all those respects, even from Our own observation and experience abroad: and We are most confident We shall never be disappointed in Our expectation of all possible service from your affections. And so We bid you farewell.

Given at Our Court at Breda
the day of April, 1660. in the
Twelfth year of Our Reign.

To Our Trusty and Wel-beloved the
Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Com-
mon Council of Our City of London.

CHARLES R.

CHARLES by the Grace of God King
of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland,
Defender of the Faith, &c. To all Our
Loving Subjects of what degree or quality soe-
ever, greeting: If the general distraction and
confusion which is spread over the whole King-
dome, doth not awaken all men to a desire and
longing, that these wounds which have so ma-
ny years together been kept bleeding, may be
bound up; all We can say will be to no pur-
pose: However after this long silence We have
thought it Our duty to declare how much We
desire to contribute thereunto. And that as We
can never give over the hope, in good time to
obtain the possession of that Right which God
& Nature hath made Our due, so We do make
it Our daily suit to the Divine Providence, that
He will in compassion to Us and our Subjects,
after so long misery and sufferings, remit and
put Us into a quiet and peaceable possession of
that Our Right, with as little blood & damage
to Our people as is possible; Nor do We desire
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more to enjoy what is Ours, then that all Our Subjects may enjoy what by Law is theirs, by a full and intire Administration of Justice throughout the Land; And by extending Our Mercy where it is wanted and deserved. And to the end that the fear of punishment may not engage any Conscions to themselves of what is past, to a perseverance in guilt for the future, by opposing the quiet & happiness of their Country, in the Restoration both of King, Peers and People, to their just, ancient, and fundamental Rights; We do by these presents declare:

That we do grant a free and general Pardon, which We are ready upon demand to pass under Our great Seal of *England*, to all our subjects of what degree or quality soever, Who within forty daies after the publishing hereof, shall lay hold upon this Our Grace & Favour, and shal by any publick Act declare their doing so: And that they return to the Loyalty and Obedience of good Subjects, Excepting only such persons as shal hereafter be excepted by Parliament; Those only excepted, let all Our Subjects, how faulty soever, rely upon the word of a King solemnly given by this present

Declaration, That no Crime whatsoever committed against Us or our Royal Father, before the Publication of this, shall ever rise in Judgment, or be brought in question against any of them, to the least endamagement of them, either in their Lives, Liberties, or Estates, or (as far forth as lies in Our power) so much as to the prejudice of their Reputations by any reproach or term of distinction from the rest of Our best Subjects: We desiring and ordaining that henceforward all Notes of discord, separation and difference of parties be utterly abolished among all Our Subjects, whom We Invite and Conjure to a perfect Union among themselves under Our protection; for the Resentment of Our just Rights and theirs in a Free Parliament, by which upon the word of a King, We will be advised.

And because the passion and uncharitableness of the times have produced several opinions in Religion, by which men are engaged in Parties and Animosities against each other, which when they shall hereafter unite in a Freedom of Conversation will be composed or better understood: We do declare a liberty of Conscience,

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Consciences, and that no man shall be disquieted, or called in question for differences of Opinion in matters of Religion, which doe not disturb the peace of the Kingdome: And that We shall be ready to consent to such an Act of Parliament, as upon mature deliberation shall be offered to Us, for the full granting that indulgence.

And because in the continued distractions of so many years, and so many and great Revolutions; many Grants and Purchases of Estates have been made to, and by many Officers, Souldiers and others, who are now possessed of the same, and who may be lyable to Actions at Law upon several titles; We are likewise willing that all such differences and all things relating to such Grants, Sales and Purchases, shall be determined in Parliament which can best provide for the just satisfaction of all men who are Concerned.

And We do further declare that We will be ready to consent to any Act or Acts of Parliament to the purpose, aforesaid: And for the full satisfaction of all Arrears due to the Officers and Souldiers of the Army under the

B. 3. Command.

Command of General Monck And that they shall be received into Our service upon as good pay and conditions as they now enjoy.

Given under our sign manuel and Privy signet at our Court at Breda this $\frac{11}{12}$ day of Aprill, 1660. in the Twelfth year of our Reign.

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Mayor.

At a Common-Councell
holden the first of May, 1660.

ORdered by this Court, that the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor do acquaint the Lord Viscount Mordant, and Sir John Greenville (who brought the said Letter and Declaration) That this Court do return most humble and hearty thanks to his Majestie for his gracious Condescensions to, and owning this Court and City, Expressed in his Majesties said Letter and Declaration; And do likewise return hearty thanks to the said Honourable Persons that brought the said Gracious Messuage, And do declare this Courts ready submission to his Majesties Government. And that in Testimony thereof, they
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had now taken downe the Common-wealthe Armes,
and ordered his Majesties Armes to be set up. And
further, that this Court do beg the favour of the
Lord Mordant to return with an Answer in Wri-
ting to his Majestie from this Court; And also that
this Court do intend very speedily to send Members
of their owne to wait on his Majestie.

At a Common-Council.

helden the first of May, 1660.

Ordered by this Court, that the Right
Honourable the Lord Mordant be acquainted
with the Court's desire, that he will be
pleased to return with an Answer in Writing
to his Majestie, as the Court hath desired.
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And that the Court do intend very speedily
to send Members of their owne to wait on
his Majestie.